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SUBJECT: DECLARATION BY ECG GOVERNMENTS ON OECD-WIDE COOPERATION
ON ENERGY

1. DRAFT DECLARATION BY ECG MEMBER COUNTRIES (ON COUTINUING
OECD-WIDE COOPERATION ON ENERGY) AS CIRCULATED AT NOV 8
ECG MEETING WAS AMENDED SLIGHTLY AT NOV EMBER 12 ECG WORKING
GROUP MEETING FOR TECHNICAL AND PRESENTATIONAL REASONS.
(REVISED TEXT BELOW.) ONLY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEED FOR CHANGE IN DECLARATION TO
ACCOMMODATE ONE OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR
TO OECD, OVER IEA GOVERNING BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO AMEND IEP
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO OECD COUNCIL (ARTICLE 73 OF DRAFT
AGREEMENT) WORKING GROUP AFFIRMED NOVEMBER 8 ECG DECISION
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THAT GROUP SHOULD RESTRICT ITS REPLY TO ORAL STATEMENT

WHICH WOULD IN SUBSTANCE NOTE THAT ARTICLE 6 OF DRAFT OECD DECISION ESTABLISHING IEA (WHICH DOES NOT GIVE COUNCIL RIGHT TO APPROVE ALL IEP AMENDMENTS) ADEQUATELY COVERS ROLE OF COUNCIL.

2. LANTZKE OPENED DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR VALERY HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT REFERENCE TO OECD DECISION LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRENCH AS SOLUTION TO ARTICLE 73 PROBLEM IF RECORDED IN OECD COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS. LANTZKE ASKED WHETHER ECG DECLARATION WOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ECG REPLY.

3. CANADIAN REP (TOWE) SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO AMEND DECLARATION TO ACCOMMODATE FRENCH POSITION, BUT GIVEN BROAD AUTHORITY ALREADY CONTAINED IN IEP, HE WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO RESIST IF FRENCH INSISTENT. US REP, SUPPORTED BY SPAIN AND DENMARK, STRONGLY OPPOSED AMENDING DECLARATION, NOTING THAT ECG HAD AGREED ON NOVEMBER 8 ON ORAL RESPONSE TO FRENCH. WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT ORAL RESPONSE TO FRENCH ALONG AGREED LINE WOULD BE MADE IN COUNCIL, PREFERABLY BY BELGIUM REP.

4. TEXT OF REVISED DECLARATION FOLLOWS. QUOTE:
ANNEX II--DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES:

(1) THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED AN AGREEMENT WHICH CONTAINS A COHERENT ENERGY PROGRAMME. THE TASK OF THE NEW AGENCY WHICH THE COUNCIL IS BEING INVITED TO SET UP WILL BE TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAMME IN ALL RESPECTS.

(2) THE AGENCY MUST THEREFORE BE IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS BUT THIS IN NO WAY MEANS THAT IT PURPORTS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE EXISTING BODIES OR TO DETRACT FROM THEIR FUNCTIONS. THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS FOR THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.

(3) IN EXPRESSING THE DESIRE THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD BE SET UP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES WISHED TO RECONCILE TWO CONCERNS:
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TO PRESERVE THE AUTONOMY AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE NEW AGENCY AND TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS OF ITS WORK TO THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE.

(4) ARTICLE 9 OF THE DRAFT DECISION SETS OUT THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCAL COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION. AS SOON AS THE GOVERNING BOARD HAS DRAWN UP ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK IT WILL COMMUNICATE IT TO THE COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING THAT BODY WITH ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION

AND ORGANIZING COOPERATION, WHEREOVER POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE, WITH OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(5) THE FACT THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF, WHILE BEING RESPONSIBLE TO THE AGENCY IN CARRYING OUT THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM, WILL FOR AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROVIDES IN ITSELF A GUARANTEE THAT ADEQUATE LAISON WILL BE ASSURED.

(6) THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES THUS INTEND TO UPHOLD THE ROLE OF THE AGENCY WHICH THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO SET UP. AT THE SAME TIME, THESE COUNTRIES, PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION OF 14TH DECEMBER 1960, ENVISAGED NO ACTION WHICH COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO A MEMBER COUNTRY OF THE ORGANIZATION OR COMPROMISE THE PURSUIT OF THE COOPERATION PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONVENTION OR THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. FIRESTONE

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